

WILL BE WICHITA

ABOUT TIME AND DISTANCE AS CONTROLLING FACTORS.

If the Long Haul Holds, and the Accommodation Train Goes There Will Never be but One Great City Between Kansas City and Denver, Between the Missouri River and Texas and That City Will be in Kansas—Census Enumeration Shows a Big Gain in Population All Over the City.

Somewhat to the astonishment of the people of Wichita the census of population, just completed, shows an increase over last year of over three or four years previous. The assessor and his assistants confidently assert that so correct an enumeration of the inhabitants was never before made and the returns were sworn to in utmost confidence that they were absolutely correct.

This will prove the rule of the average Kansas town and city, not for western cities generally. Probably no other city in the state, if indeed any in the west, outside of Chicago, can show an increase of population for the past year.

But Wichita is growing and not only increasing in business but in inhabitants. Suburban boom houses, by the hundreds, have been moved onto inside lots and new people have come to occupy them; empty business rooms along principal streets no longer stare the passerby in the face; and with an old fashioned Arkansas valley crop or two, and good times in the country at large, and the world will find Wichita once again roaring and rushing with life and growth and business.

If the policy of the long haul, now maintained by the railroads of the country, is to obtain in the future, if the rule now governing the transportation problem is a settled one, then Kansas will never have but one commercial center, one great city, and that will be Wichita. The long haul schedule rate combined with the local accommodation train must, inevitably, build up the great center at the expense of the town of a local trade. The freight rates as enforced under the interstate law and its commission, not only drives business to the great centers at the expense of the local points but forces the local points to patronize the greater city to their own hurt. To illustrate, it has come to pass, under the present transportation regime, that the man or woman inhabitant of any town within fifty or even a hundred miles of a larger center who has \$25 or \$50 to expend for articles of whatever character, she or he takes a local accommodation train and goes to that center to patronize its merchants or manufacturers as the case may be. Within the radius of a trip which can be made, both ways, the same day, leave home to spare for trade or shopping, no mere local trade center can hereafter grow.

While we believe that policy to be a mistaken one for the railroads, as it cuts their earnings, yet it is the one now adopted and adhered to.

Wichita is the only important center of population and trade in the state of Kansas whose people cannot reach Kansas City and return the same day; the only center surrounded by other tributary places and cities, and being unable to reach Kansas City and return the same day, find no greater center than Wichita which they can thus reach.

Wichita has no Kansas City, no Chicago, no Denver in her field of operations, and being established in her lines, and the strongest financially and commercially of any city, trade and market center within her field must, logically, become a great city, just as great as the field which she serves will sustain and support.

Wichita's assurance of becoming the greatest city in Kansas are just as logical and as certain as they were in her wildest boom days. In nothing save in the livestock and in the grain trade does Wichita feel either the pressure of Kansas City or Chicago, nor will she ever in any other particular. The rate discriminations, coming of the Missouri river basing line policy, have hurt in the past, and may hurt more or less until such time in the future as when Wichita shall be enabled from the importance of her own tonnage, to command rather than beg. But as sure as the elements of time and of distance cannot be eliminated just so certain will there be a great city in the midst of the great Arkansas valley, and nobody inside, or outside of the state, who understands the thought of the situation will doubt or deny that such important center will be Wichita.

THAT DESOULE A BABY.

Quite a Little Sensation Developed at Winfield.

Quite a sensation developed in Winfield yesterday when Orrin Sargent, a prominent young man, and his cousin Bessie N. Sargent, an Illinois college girl, were arrested there. Night before last a buggy drove up to the home of Dr. G. H. of Arkansas City, a baby taken out and left on the porch where it was soon discovered, but not until the buggy had been driven away. The baby's clothing indicated that its parents were more than ordinary people and the affair caused a good deal of talk among the people of Arkansas City in which quite a number of prominent young people were slandered. The talk became so disagreeable and damaging that it was deemed a matter of justice to the people involved to have the problem of who deserted the baby solved. A very diligent investigation was made but no clue could be found. The previous night Orrin Sargent of Winfield engaged a delivery rig at 11 o'clock and returned it at about 3 in

the morning. He was suspected during the day he was seen in company with a very handsome young woman who seemed to be in deep trouble and the police shadowed them until they found cause to arrest them, which they did.

In the jail the young woman broke down and confessed that they were the father and mother of the deserted baby. The story she told was that Orrin was the son of her uncle. Last year Orrin visited her parents at Winfield, Illinois, where she was attending school. They became so intimate and to hide her shame she fled from home and up to this time her father and mother do not know where she is, her disappearance from home being still a mystery at Winfield. They wanted to get married, but being young they could not obtain a license and the only thing they could do was to desert the child to save the reputation of the young woman, but being young they could not obtain a license and the only thing they could do was to desert the child to save the reputation of the young woman, but being young they could not obtain a license and the only thing they could do was to desert the child to save the reputation of the young woman.

HE WILL HANG HERE.

Clyde Mattox Will Soon be Brought to the Jail in this City.

Clyde Mattox will soon be brought to the jail in this city. Sheriff Boyce has been so informed.

The United States will set in this city next morning at 10 o'clock the duties of Judge Williams during the session will be to pass the death sentence on Clyde Mattox. It will be a disgraceful matter for Judge Williams to perform, as he has done it only once before during his judicial career, and that was on Clyde Mattox a little over a year ago. The probability is that Mattox will be hung about the latter part of July or early in August. The death sentence will be carried out this time there is very little doubt among those who are connected with the federal court. Of course his devoted mother is leaving no stone unturned to save his neck, but there is very little hope that she will be successful. He would have been hung last June but an appeal was taken to the supreme court, pending which stay of execution was granted, of course. The supreme court sustained the trial in the lower court and the prisoner was remanded to the district court for re-sentence.

Mattox has clung to life with a tenacity that was remarkable. This will be either the fourth or fifth time that the death sentence will be passed upon him. It will be an old story to him. Once he escaped from the county jail in this city and had his plans well laid to get out of the country, but it is quietly told that the man who aided in his escape gave him some whisky to drink, the influence of which prevented the execution of his schemes according to the program and he was re-captured at El Dorado. He has now served over six years in confinement, both in the jail of this city and that of Topeka. He was tried for the murder of John Milligan at Oklahoma City shortly after Oklahoma territory was opened to settlement. He will be hung in the corridor of the county jail and as a tailor friend was talking about it yesterday and looking at the hooks on the ceiling where the fatal rope will be attached he could not help shivering at the thoughts of the coming tragedy.

For the Eagle.

TO ELIA GLENN SHELDES.

Thy day is dark. Life's stormy dream, So brief a few short years ago, Is past, and old realities seem To leave not even a transient gleam.

Of light, fill thy tired heart with woe.

The star of hope—that anchor bright, So long thy solace and thy stay, Is set, and death's appalling night, So dark, that scarce a ray of light.

Appears, surrounds thy weary way.

But God is good. O, through thy tears, Gaze on his matchless majesty Divine. He'll comfort thee. Thy fears And cares will vanish, as the years Roll on to vast eternity.

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WILL END THIS DAY

MRS. QUIMBY DOES NOT PROPOSE TO EXTEND TIME ANY FARTHER.

She Says That the World Will Slip a Cog at Nine O'clock This Morning and Go to Pieces for All Time—She Has Her Affairs Ready and Expects to Die in the New Jerusalem—There is No Use in Denying It for She Proves Her Prophecy by the Good Book—She Has a Long Write-up of the Affair.

Promptly at 9 o'clock this morning the world will come to an end.

That is the prophecy of Mrs. Quimby of the Green street, College hill.

Some weeks ago Mrs. Quimby, who is a devoted friend and constant reader of the Eagle, ordered the paper sent to her until May 19, saying then that the world would come to an end on that day.

Yesterday, like the good honest woman that she is, she came to the business office, settled up her bill in full, including only this morning's issue of the paper. She did not consider it necessary to stop her paper; for by the operation of her prophecy it will stop itself.

Mrs. Quimby left a long article of thirty-six pages descriptive of the manner in which the world will kick the bucket. It was not only too long to print this morning, but it would not be a very good addition to the digestion of a Sunday morning breakfast.

The Eagle, however, proposes to be enterprising and as it has the manuscript ready for the printer it will try and get it out this afternoon in the New Jerusalem and scoop all the other sheets providing, of course, there is no interruption of the machinery of the linotypes.

There is not a question but what Mrs. Quimby is thoroughly honest and her ability is that it will come true, of course, there is no telling what will happen. It may be that Mrs. Quimby has made a mistake in her calculations and there is no use in being uneasy.

It is well however to be ready. Old sinners will have a fair show, and the ready and they should make the most of it, for the idea of a sudden stop in the revolution of the globe and all the people, houses and animals being shot into space and killed is a serious thing to contemplate.

Mrs. Quimby is thoroughly prepared. She has her garments made in the regulation style and you will find out about one minute after 9 o'clock this morning that the Mother Hubbard will be far more well in the land of no return than the dresses with puffed sleeves.

That is the kind of a garment Mrs. Quimby will wear for she showed it to the reporter for the Eagle. The material out of which her dress was made is of spotless white. She will also wear white slippers, white stockings, white underclothing and a white bonnet. She was told in a vision what to wear and she has been getting ready for it three years.

Remember the hour, 9 a. m.

ENDS UP IN KANSAS.

What Secretary Hovey Has to Say About Kansas Horrors.

Secretary Hovey of the State Fair association has written to the Lexington Stock Farm, published in Lexington, in which he calls attention to a few facts in regard to Kansas and Wichita in particular, as a center of evil.

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